

# LOVE IS IN THE AIR!

## VALENTINE'S DAY HIGHLIGHTS "A MONTH OF ROMANCE"

*"Roses are red, violets are blue. Sugar is sweet, and so are you."*

by Heather Gibson

It's time for overpriced roses, silly poems, and heart shaped chocolate boxes. I can't remember the last time I celebrated Valentine's Day. I guess it was something we "used to do." Perhaps when our relationship was new and I was being courted I used to receive flowers at work. Fast forward through thirteen years of marriage, and I guess somewhere along the way it became a "Hallmark Holiday" that we just didn't want to waste money on.

But, darn that candy is still good on February 15th, when it's 75% off. Ok, so I guess I may participate just a little bit in the "economic chocolate boom."

I really ought to give Valentine's Day a bit more credit. It's an ancient celebration that has deep roots in romance and more importantly, fertility. Valentine's Day began with a pagan festival called Lupercalia. This festival, dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, originally took place on February 15th. The beginning of the festival would always start with animal sacrifice. They sacrificed a goat for fertility and a dog for purification. They would cut the goat's hide into strips, dip them into the sacrificial blood, and gently slap both women and crop fields with the goat hide. The women welcomed the hides because it was believed to make them more fertile in the coming year. Later in the day, all the women in the city would place their names in a big urn. The city's bachelors would each choose a name and become paired

for the year with his chosen woman. These matches often ended in marriage. Later, the festival of Lupercalia was deemed "un-Christian" by Pope Gelasius who finally deemed February 14th Valentine's Day. During the middle ages, France and England believed that this day was the beginning of birds' mating season, which added to the romantic notion, and is perhaps where the term "Love Birds" came about.

Americans have been exchanging hand-made valentines since the early 1700s. It wasn't until 1840 that Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines here in America. Back then, valentines were made with real lace, ribbon and colorful pictures. Today, Valentine's Day is the second largest card sending holiday of the year with 1 billion cards sent. Christmas is the largest with over 2.5 billion cards sent each year. I don't know about you, but that gives me a bit of hope. I have been a little angry that the written letter, especially the love letter, has died out. I mean really, hasn't everything become inbox messages and text alerts? There's nothing quite like holding a letter in your hand, appreciating someone's penmanship, and perhaps even catching a whiff of their cologne or perfume. Now who is getting a little "romantic?"

Speaking of romance, and all things Cupid, do you have Valentine's Day plans? It may be the busiest night of the year for most restaurants. It's the un-official "date night of the year." So



what's cooking in our area? Pickled Owl, which is usually closed on Tuesdays, will be open for Valentine's Day. Evan, owner and chef, is working hard on a special menu. The atmosphere at Pickled Owl is perfect for coupling. The ambiance there is warm, and there is a lot of candle light. While dining, you will be serenaded by good music; usually a live band. And one thing you can always count on is the very best dessert menu. Their desserts are always homemade, rich in flavor, and always a sweet way to wrap up your evening. Going on a first date? Pickled Owl offers conversation starters, which you will find on cards in the middle of all the tables. These are a fun way to "break the ice."

And don't forget about Frankie & Johnny's if your sweetheart prefers Italian food. They have many choices, including steak and seafood. They have a tradition of emphasizing dessert

on Valentine's Day by appreciating their customers with a little extra sugar.

If you're staying in and just want to surprise your partner with something different, why not stop by The Hurleyville Market and pick up a few packages of Aunt Nee Nee's cookies? Aunt Nee Nee's high quality treats are sure to hit the spot, and are a great gift for teachers, co-workers, and children, as well.

I suppose Valentine's Day is a good excuse to utter the words, "I Love You." Maybe we need more excuses to say it more often. Maybe this holiday gives a reason to show it, and not just say it. Maybe a good piece of dark chocolate and a glass of red wine is good for your heart. Maybe a bit of romance keeps us emotionally healthy, makes us feel wanted or young again. Maybe, just maybe, the very best valentines are handmade with crayons and markers; the kind of cards we hang

on the fridge and then later tuck away safely in a keepsake box. Maybe we all need something tangible to hold in our hand; a card we can pull out every once in a while. A memory that makes our heart skip a beat. Maybe there's someone you've been admiring who doesn't know it yet. Perhaps Valentine's Day can be a corny reason for you to take that first step. Maybe that first step will turn into a life time of valentines? Guess you won't know until you ask, "will you be mine?"

As for those of us who have stopped celebrating Valentine's Day, well maybe it's time to get mushy again. A little love never hurt anyone. Things have changed a bit, though. These days, I'd take a good nap over a good piece of jewelry. But if you see my husband, please tell him this for me: "Roses are red, pizza sauce is too, order me a large, heart shaped will do."

## IF YOU LOVE HISTORY, YOU'LL LOVE THE HURLEYVILLE HISTORY HIKE!

Sullivan County Historian John Conway admits he loves history. He also loves to hike, so it was probably inevitable that he would eventually begin to offer a unique opportunity for local residents to join him in enjoying both endeavors at once. He calls the events "History Hikes" and, weather permitting, he will be hosting one in Hurleyville on Saturday, February 11. It is the first of a series of hikes he hopes to host at various locations throughout 2017.

The Hurleyville History Hike, held in collaboration with the Fallsburg Parks Department, will take place beginning at 2 PM at the Milk Train Rail Trail just off Main Street and will commemorate the tragic 1907 O&W Railroad accident that occurred about a half a mile south of what is now the trail head.

The story of the accident is one Mr. Conway has related before, but this will be the first time he will do so while actually visiting the scene of the tragedy.

"Late in the afternoon of February 13, 1907 the boiler exploded on an O&W passenger train just before it reached Luzon Station in Hurleyville," he says. "Two railroad men were killed instantly in the explosion, the train's engineer was severely injured and would die a few days later, and twelve passengers were hurt when the train careened off the tracks."

Mr. Conway says the force of the blast sent pieces of the train and the bodies of the dead crew members hurtling through the air, some landing hundreds of feet from the scene.

According to contemporary newspaper accounts, the engine was drawing the No. 3 train, "one of the finest on the road" and was doing about forty miles per hour when "suddenly there was a terrible roar and the sound of ripping and tearing of iron. The train of cars rammed the wreck and four of them left the rails. When the steam cleared, there was nothing but scrap iron left of the locomotive."

The train had originated in Weehawken, N.J. around



The Hurleyville History Hike on Saturday, February 11 will commemorate the 1907 O&W train wreck near Main Street.

noon that day, heading for the mountains with about fifty passengers. It had pulled out of Middletown about 3 PM and had just emerged from the rock cut known as Smith's Cut when the explosion occurred. The train was within sight of the station at the time, and some accounts of the day noted that passengers waiting for the train had seen it approaching in the distance and then watched in horror as it was engulfed in smoke and steam.

Mr. Conway notes that some people at the time had suspected that dynamite had caused the explosion, and stories circulated that either intentionally or by accident the dynamite had been mixed in with the coal that was being used to feed the boiler. The railroad eventually debunked that theory and suggested instead that the water lines feeding the boiler had frozen, causing the boiler to run low on water and to overheat. That overheating then thawed the lines, allowing cold water into the boiler and causing the explosion.

The body of the train's engineer, William Gadwood of Walton, NY, was discovered more than 100 feet from the wreck. Mr. Gadwood was alive but severely injured when found, his skull fractured in several places, and he died shortly afterward. The mangled body of fireman Martin Mullen, who was believed to have been killed instantly in the explosion, was found 100 feet in the opposite direction. A third man, later identified as O&W employee J.D. Vulquette, was also killed in the explosion.

The History Hike will start from the trail head by the basketball courts and continue south to the rock cut and then back again, with Mr. Conway narrating the story of the wreck and relating other historical tidbits about Hurleyville and the railroad along the way.

He says it is an opportunity for folks who love history or railroads to learn about an incident that was once well known, but the details of which have been lost to time.

In fact, just last year, Mr. Conway began an effort to memorialize the wreck with an interpretive sign not far from the scene of the explosion.

He says that now that the old railroad bed is part of the Milk Train Rail Trail and will be regularly visited by hikers and bikers, there is an opportunity to chronicle a bit of history, so he is spearheading the project along with Fallsburg Town Historian Isaac "Yits" Kantrowitz.

"The incident is something that should be memorialized, and a small group of us are working on getting a sign erected on the rail trail that tells the story of the explosion and something of the men who died in it," Mr. Kantrowitz has said.

Mr. Conway and others have been studying newspaper stories and photographs in an attempt to get an accurate idea of where the wreck took place. The interpretive sign will be placed at the trail head just off Main Street and will indicate the distance down the trail to the spot of the wreck. A smaller marker will designate the actual location.

"We are envisioning a substantial sign on the trail near Main Street that will describe the incident and point out the location of the explosion down the tracks," Mr. Kantrowitz said.

There is paving work that will take place on the trail beginning in the spring, so the erection of the sign will have to wait until that is completed. In the meantime, the best opportunity to learn about the explosion, as well as other bits of Hurleyville history, will come on February 11.

"People must sign up by e-mail to take part in the hike," Mr. Conway says. "So they should contact me at jconway52@hotmail.com. The hike is weather dependent, so in the event of a cancellation or postponement, I will notify those who are signed up by e-mail."

## VALENTINE'S CABARET WARMS UP THE WEEKEND

If you want to chase away the "winter blahs" and warm up your Valentine's Day Weekend, you'll want to make certain you are in attendance when the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop serves up a heaping helping of music and desserts, sure to satisfy everyone, regardless of their musical taste.

The Valentine's Cabaret is presented in the style of 1930s and '40s Jazz Clubs, but the music to be presented is from a broad variety of periods and musical styles, and each singer brings his or her own unique flair. Performances are Friday and Saturday, February 10 and 11 at 8:00 PM, and Sunday, February 12 at 2:00 PM at the Sullivan County Museum, Art and Cultural Center at 265 Main

Street in Hurleyville. Admission is \$10 per person, and includes desserts and coffee.

The production's director, Jim Schmidt of Hurleyville, has ably assembled a talented group of singers who will be accompanied by the versatile Leon Hilfstein of Hurleyville on piano. Beautiful ballads and bawdy, belting numbers will make for a full evening or afternoon of entertainment. Featured performers include Shawn Bailey of Mileses, Karen Beals of Monroe, Mary Burkart of Ellenville, Renata Daria of Rock Hill, Terri Hall of Rock Hill, Tom Masciopinto of Monticello, Teri Paris of Parksville, Ellen Pavloff of Kerhonkson, McKayla Perneszi of Hurleyville, Amber Schmidt of Hur-



Kim Schneeberger, Terri Hall and Renata Daria (left to right) are three of the singers who will bring their own unique style to warm Valentine's Weekend.

leyville, Lori Schneider of Hurleyville, Kim Schneeberger of Ellenville, Heather Strauss of Glen Wild, and Stephanie Watson of Liberty.

Whether you've got a honey with whom you are celebrating Valentine's Day, you're flying solo this year, or you're just looking for a fun time

out with friends, come in out of the cold for warm music and delectable desserts! Tickets will be available at the door one hour prior to curtain for each performance, and can also be purchased in advance online, by logging on to www.ShowTix4U.com.

It is recommended

that you plan to arrive early. Limited parking is available behind the museum and there is additional parking along Main Street. For further information, phone (845) 436-5336 or log onto the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop's website at www.SCDW.net.



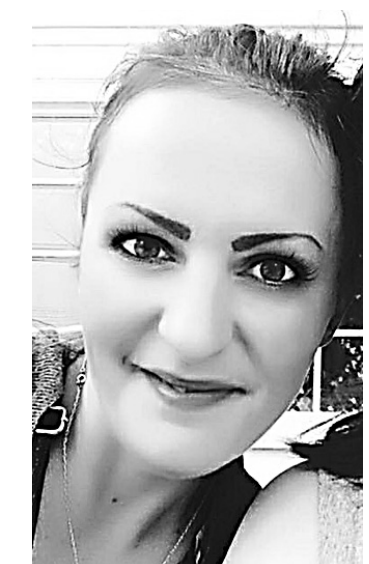
Sullivan County Historian John Conway and his family dog, Preston, will lead the Hurleyville History Hike.

# The Inquiring Photographer

by Heather Gibson



Q. Who is your favorite U.S. President and what qualities do you want to see in a U.S. President?



Kristin Simmons

“Our President and future leaders should continue to promote diversity. They should continue to inspire patriotism by supporting our military and law enforcement agencies.”



Corrinah Martin



Saoirse Moloney

“Theodore Roosevelt is my favorite president. He wasn’t full of himself, but he was brave. Did you know he was once shot during a speech and continued speaking? That’s a strong guy! Walk softly and carry a big stick.”



Patricia Benevides

“I admire FDR. The American public must have admired him too, because he was the only American president to serve 3 full terms, and be elected for a fourth. His accomplishments while president I’m sure were many, however, the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) is what I am most impressed with.

This organization was formed as a public work relief program to put unemployed young men to work during the Great Depression, and ran from 1933 to 1942. Some of our most beautiful parks, roads, and bridges were constructed through the CCC program. Not only did he make America more beautiful, but I can enjoy a glass of wine while looking at it because FDR ended Prohibition in 1933.”

# Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



Hurleyville-Sullivan First will be applying for a Sullivan Renaissance Maintenance Grant again this year. The grant will be used to support the projects the group continues to work on:

- Renovation of St. Mary’s Church for use as a community center
- Hurleyville Firemen’s Park
- Community Gateway
- Community gardens
- Planters at entrances to Hurleyville

The members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First will begin getting gardens, planters and barrels ready for planting in early spring. Everyone is welcome to come out and help. Work dates will be announced soon.

Hurleyville-Sullivan First meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Hurleyville Firehouse. The meetings are open to everyone who is interested in the revitalization and beautification of Hurleyville.

Formoreinformationabout Hurleyville and Hurleyville-Sullivan First, please visit [www.hurleyvillenyn.com](http://www.hurleyvillenyn.com).

The Sullivan County Museum recently received an item very special to Hurleyville-- Lebel Wichinsky’s bagel making machine. The staff at the museum, along with the members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First, is planning a formal reception to celebrate this historic addition and its inventor. A date will be announced soon; meanwhile the machine can be seen in the auditorium at the museum.

New exhibits at the museum include “The Military Room” honoring Sullivan County veterans from the Civil War through Desert Storm, “Early Sullivan County” depicting life in period settings, and “The Borscht Belt” chronicling this unique era in the Catskills.

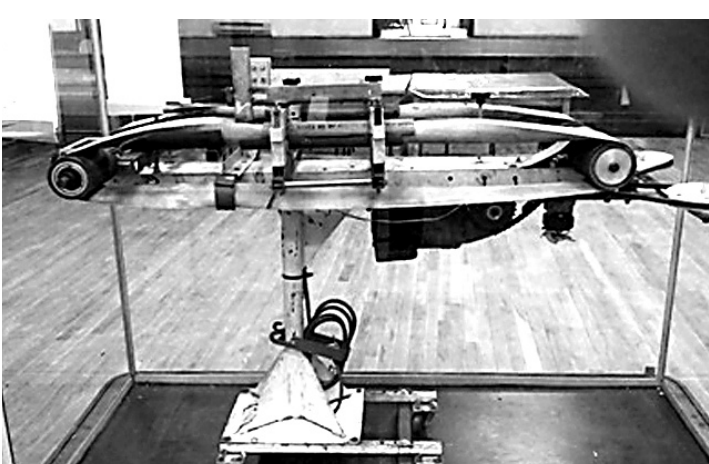
Please call Pat Burns at 845-434-8044 if you are interested in shoveling snow at the museum this winter.

The museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, is open on Sunday from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM and from Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Please visit [www.scnyhistory.org](http://www.scnyhistory.org) for more information.



This painting of the old Columbia Hotel property by Jay Brooks shows the natural beauty the Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance is dedicated to protecting.



A prototype of Louis “Lebel” Wichinsky’s bagel making machine will soon be on display at the Sullivan County Historical Society.

tion on the Sullivan County Historical Society and the Sullivan County Museum.

The Hurleyville United Methodist Church provides important services to everyone in our community.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the church provides food for at least 40 families each week. The food pantry is open each Thursday (except the 1st Thursday of each month) from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM. On the last Thursday of each month, the volunteers at the food pantry provide free clothing for families in need.

Volunteers at the church host the Community Lunch Program. Free soup and sandwiches will be served on the following Saturdays from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM: February 4th and 18th, March 4th and 18th and April 1st.

The church also hosts a Youth Group. Young folks are invited to participate in an assortment of activities including board games, trivia, movie nights, arts and crafts while making new friends. The group will meet on the following Fridays at 7:00 PM: February 3rd and February 17th. More dates will be announced soon.

A Bible study group meets at the church every Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

The church will host its annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 11th.

Please call Katrina at 845-436-7942 for more information or if you’d like to help with any of these activities. You can also visit the church on Facebook.

Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance (CHNA), comprising multi-generational residents, homeowners and business leaders, is deeply committed to the future of Hurleyville and the towns of Thompson and Fallsburg. The mission of the group is clear: ensuring future sustainable growth, preserving authentic rural character and protecting finite water re-

sources in Hurleyville and the towns of Thompson and Fallsburg. The mission is founded on a commitment to sustainable development. Premised upon a strategy of meeting the material needs of a growing population while minimizing environmental damage, sustainable development can satisfy both present and future generations if done right. Sustainable communities are simply “places where people want to live and work, now and in the future” and Hurleyville and the towns of Thompson and Fallsburg can be those places.

Water resources, traffic intensification, community character alteration and wildlife habitat depletion have all been identified by the Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance as issues that must be carefully evaluated before development can be deemed sustainable and worthy of approval.

Please visit [www.columbiahill.org](http://www.columbiahill.org) to learn how you can help to protect our community.

# The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

Could someone turn off the ice machine? I don’t know about you, but I’ve had enough of that stuff. It is so stunning, that glittering coat on everything in sight...if only it weren’t so treacherous!

Stay indoors and tune in on Saturday, February 4 for Kevin McDaniel as he takes over the mike on Alice Page’s FOLK PLUS on WJFF radio from 12 PM – 1 PM, which is one controversial hour! Then stay tuned for Kevin’s own show HOME GROWN, where he will be featuring the young original artist AY-ANNA MARTINE.

The Open Mic at the High Falls Café, run by the talented musician singer, songwriter, Jeff Entin, is an excellent venue for our Sullivan County musicians to spread beyond. Pack up your gear and take the trip every 2nd Thursday of the month.

If Jazz is your thing, check out the duo of Al Defino and Larry Ravdin at Sorrella in Kauneonga Lake. Great food and music provided by two masters. Make sure you put this great location on your winter’s weekend list.

Another great Saturday evening out is the Pickled Owl. I have never been disappointed by the groups booked there, which is saying a lot. And the food is amazing!

All scheduled are “weather permitting”

**For February**  
3rd Friday: Sorrella: AL DEFINO and LARRY RAVDIN (Jazz), 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake, 6-9 PM  
4th Saturday: WJFF 90.5

FM: FOLK PLUS with Kevin McDaniel, 12PM -1 PM  
4th Saturday: WJFF 90.5 FM: Kevin McDaniel’s HOME GROWN; 1PM-2 PM  
4th Saturday: Sorrella: AL DEFINO and LARRY RAVDIN (Jazz), 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake 6-9 PM  
4th Saturday: The Pickled Owl: CAMPFIRE JONES & SARA HULSE (roots, bluegrass and reggae), 218 Main St, Hurleyville, 6 PM  
5th Sunday: DeFillipis Bakery: MUSIC WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT (open mic), 506 B’way, Monticello, 11 AM-1:30 PM  
6th Monday: DUTCH’S OPEN MIC: 204 Rock Hill Dr, Rock Hill, 7 PM  
7th Tuesday: Brew: (TENTATIVE) ANOTHER ODD TUESDAY with THE GREATER SULLIVAN SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA (any and all requests), 280 Rock Hill Dr, Rock Hill 6:30 PM  
9th Thursday: High Falls Café Open Mic: 12 Stone Dock Rd, High Falls, 7 PM -9 PM  
10th Friday: Sorrella: AL DEFINO and LARRY RAVDIN (Jazz): 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake 6-9 PM  
11th Saturday: Sorrella: AL DEFINO and LARRY RAVDIN (Jazz): 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake 6-9 PM  
12th Sunday: DeFillipis Bakery: MUSIC WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT (open mic), 506 B’way, Monticello, 11 AM-1:30 PM  
13th Monday: DUTCH’S

OPEN MIC: 204 Rock Hill Dr, Rock Hill, 7 PM  
17th Friday: Sorrella: AL DEFINO and LARRY RAVDIN (Jazz): 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake 6-9 PM  
18th Saturday: The Pickled Owl: DEBBIE “DALLAS” FISHER (roots, blues, folk & originals): 218 Main St, Hurleyville, 6 PM  
18th Saturday: Sorrella: AL DEFINO and LARRY RAVDIN (Jazz): 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake 6-9 PM  
19th Sunday: DeFillipis Bakery: MUSIC WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT (open mic), 506 B’way, Monticello, 11 AM-1:30 PM  
20th Monday: DUTCH’S OPEN MIC: 204 Rock Hill Dr, Rock Hill, 7 PM  
21st Tuesday: Brew: (TENTATIVE) ANOTHER ODD TUESDAY with THE GREATER SULLIVAN SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA (any and all requests), 280 Rock Hill Dr, Rock Hill 6:30 PM  
24th Friday: Sorrella: AL DEFINO and LARRY RAVDIN (Jazz): 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake 6-9 PM  
25th Saturday: The Pickled Owl: THOSE GUYS (modern mountain music duo): 218 Main St, Hurleyville, 6 PM  
25th Saturday: Sorrella: AL DEFINO and LARRY RAVDIN (Jazz): 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake 6-9 PM  
26th Sunday: DeFillipis Bakery: MUSIC WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT (open mic), 506 B’way, Monticello, 11 AM-1:30 PM  
27th Monday: DUTCH’S OPEN MIC: 204 Rock Hill Dr, Rock Hill, 7 PM

## Fallsburg Provides Housing for Bluebirds of Happiness

As part of the collaboration between Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) and Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) in Liberty, sixth graders at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) assembled bluebird houses for the BCES Trail behind the school building. The bluebird is the state bird of New York State and in need of nesting cavities. Aggressive species such as house sparrows and starlings have been taking over nesting places. The openings in the assembled birdhouses are suitable only for bluebirds.

CCE’s SueAnn Boyd arranged for Brian Brustman, who is the District Manager for Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District, to provide materials for twenty-four nesting boxes. An experienced carpenter and environmentalist, Mr. Brustman and CCE were pleased to donate the materials, labor and time to work with the children.

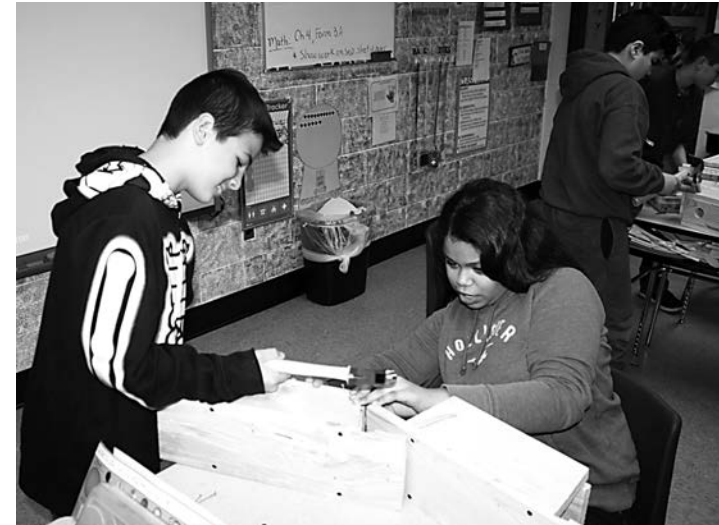
On January 12, second grade teacher Ms. Leah Exner welcomed Mrs. Boyd and Mr. Brustman to Mrs. Dawn McCarthy’s classroom and twenty eager students. Ms. Exner administers the Sullivan Renaissance Healthy Initiatives Grant that supports the Trail project. The grant paid for most of the hammers and screwdrivers on hand.

Mr. Brustman and Mrs. Boyd began step by step details of assembling six pieces of pine, with pre-drilled screw holes and nail locations. They had spent many hours to get the houses ready for the children. Mr. Brustman called on a student to come up front with him to demonstrate the steps. Interestingly, he chose Nicholas Colombo, whose father owns a woodworking/carpentry shop! Nicholas finished his model easily, and he traveled around the room enthusiastically assisting his classmates.

The classroom was atwitter with activity—a veritable Santa’s Workshop with twenty elves busy at five tables. The adults in the room were moving from table to table to offer

guidance and support, including using screw guns to help fasten the sides of the houses. Even Principal Mary Kate Stinehour joined in. The teamwork and good energy was wonderful to witness, each child holding pieces of wood for their tablemates and encouraging each other. At the end of the hour, all nesting boxes were complete and ready to receive student names.

In a few weeks the houses will line the BCES Trail. The nesting boxes



Benjamin Cosor sixth graders Nicholas Muscia and Kayalah Brewster work together to assemble bluebird houses.

and the newly opened trail are the perfect prescription to help the bluebird survive and thrive. Each spring they and their offspring will return to BCES just as the students, their siblings and their children will do as well. As Ms. Exner says, “We are so thankful to have resources such as these to guide the students of the district through hands-on projects that will enhance the trail and help the creatures of the environment at the same time!”



Nicholas Colombo puts the last nail into his finished bluebird house.

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- 1 The Catskill Nordic Ski Club is active throughout the area in the winter months. Contact the club's leader, Pat at 845-794-1039 for information or to join.
- 2 Weather permitting, the Milk Train Rail Trail will be the setting for the first Hurleyville History Hike, led by Sullivan County Historian John Conway in collaboration with the Town of Fallsburg Parks Department, on Saturday, February 11 at 2 PM.
- 3 The Hurleyville Arts Centre at 216 Main Street will show the documentary film, "How to let Go of the World and Love All the Things Climate Can't Change" at 4 PM on Saturday, February 4. See the ad in this edition for more information.
- 4 Although the Pickled Owl on Main Street is typically closed on Tuesdays, they will be open with a special menu for Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14.
- 5 The Sullivan County Historical Society's temporary exhibit "Early Sullivan County" at the Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, depicts scenes from life throughout various time periods.

Fallsburg Seventh Graders Hear a Sobering Message at DARE Graduation

With all the temptations and challenges of underage drinking and the prevalence of opioids ranging from pain killers to heroin facing teenagers today, Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School is committed to supporting its students in making good decisions. An important part of that effort is providing the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Real Refusal Strategy Program to all seventh graders, considered one of the most vulnerable age groups in our society.

Last December, Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Resource Officer (SRO) Jason Edwards awarded the entire class certificates of completion of this valuable program. The essential parts of the ten-week training are contained in the acronym **REAL**. **REFUSE** is saying, "no, I don't want to" do something. **EXPLAIN** is saying "why" I don't want to do something. **AVOID** is keeping away from a situation I don't want to be involved in. **LEAVE** is taking me out of a situation I don't want to be in.

On hand for the ceremony were FCSD Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz, Junior/Senior High School Principal Michael Williams and Officer Scott Jordy.

moving story of the disastrous effect poor judgment and bad decision-making can have on young people of their age and not much older. He concluded with these words: "In an instant, you can make a bad choice and pay a very big price that will impact your life for a long time."

The story had a dramatic impact on the audience, putting a whole new face on the training the students had just completed. SRO Edwards and Officer Jordy handed out the certificates to a very somber group of young people, with Principal Williams having taught them a profound life lesson through the prism of his own experience.



At the 7th grade DARE graduation were (l to r) School Resource Officer from Fallsburg Police Department (FPD) Jason Edwards, FPD Officer Scott Jordy, FCSD Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz, and FJSHS Principal Michael Williams.

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10. young male horses	10. _____
11. expensive British cars	11. _____
12. Greek mythological giants	12. _____
13. rodeo horses	13. _____
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15. hostile attackers	15. _____

**ANSWERS NEXT EDITION**

**0 – 5 CORRECT: FUMBLE!**  
**6 – 10 CORRECT: YOU MADE THE STARTING LINE-UP!**  
**11-15 CORRECT: SUPER BOWL MVP!**

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Hurleyville Maker's Lab

From the Firehouse

By Jack Halchak, Past Chief H.F.D.



The Hurleyville Fire Department is always looking to recruit new members. You can stop in on any Monday evening at 7:00PM to get an application or see what we are all about. If you don't want to fight fire we can use fire police or you can work behind the scenes supporting the front line fire fighters. We do more than just fight fire. We even provide all of your training for free.

At the January meeting of the Hurleyville Fire Company #1, Chief Alan Price and President John O'Neil announced that they had received two significant donations. One was for \$600.00 from the employee's "Crisis Fund" from the Fallsburg Terminal of Rolling V Bus Corporation.

Part of the letter from Rolling V that accompanied the check stated that "The acknowledgement of the Hurleyville Fire Dept. as a worthy organization is a testament to the good work you do."

Ironically it was just a few years ago that the Fire Department honored Rolling V with their "Community Service Award."

This goes to show you the mutual respect that we have for each other and what we each do for the community.

The second check was for \$2,500 from the SYDA foundation of South Fallsburg. Most of the SYDA properties are in the Hurleyville Fire District. The donation was in recognition for the work that we do

and our contributions to the community. In addition, when the check was delivered it came with a basket of treats for the membership to enjoy (which we did).

Some of the monies from these donations went into the Fire Department equipment fund. This fund is used to purchase equipment that was not part of the budget. The items purchased make life responding to and working at an incident a little more tolerable. One such purchase being considered is new extrication goggles for firefighters who wear glasses.

In most communities the fire departments is usually the focal point of the community. The membership is grateful that these two fine organizations have recognized what we do. So thank you to both of them.

In other news, you might remember that I previously have written about the "Move Over Law." Well, The Governor just signed an expansion to the "Move Over Law." This is a quote from his office:

"Slow Down and Move Over: New York's "Move Over" law.

Driver's to use due care, slow down and safely move over when approaching law enforcement vehicles, fire trucks, ambulances, tow trucks, and construction and maintenance vehicles stopped along the roadway. The law was first established in 2011 to protect those working along the roadway and has since been expanded to include a

wider range of emergency and hazard vehicles."

The law was expanded to cover ALL emergency service vehicles and equipment, whatever color light they are flashing. Once again, it is good common sense to use caution around any emergency scene. Be careful. Listen to the fire police or whoever is directing traffic. They are there to help you, not to block you from going to work or home. Sometimes the road just gets blocked and you CAN NOT go that way. Give them a brake (pun intended) and follow their instructions.

Don't forget the 29th Annual Hurleyville Fire Department -Town of Falls-

burg Youth Commission Ice Fishing Contest is Saturday, February 11th from 7:00AM - 3:00PM. The event takes place on Morningside Lake off Brickman Road in Hurleyville.

Even with the unseasonably warm weather that we have had we still have enough ice and the future forecast predicts (I hope) more cold weather is in store for us.

If you have any questions just call: Jack at 436-5418, George at 434-3475 or Fred at 434-7706.

Unfortunately, I have been to a number of tragic and devastating fires since the start of the New Year. PLEASE be safe in trying to keep warm.

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FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Kelly Wells and Amanda Letohic



Greetings from the Fallsburg Library!

Did you know there is a public library in Fallsburg?

Well there is! We're located at 12 Railroad Plaza in South Fallsburg, across the street from the Police Station and Town Hall. The library offers so much more than just books (although we have those too)! We have DVDs and Blu Ray movies, museum passes to local museums including Bethel Woods, magazines, and we offer a variety of programming for children, teens, and adults. All of our programs are FREE and open to the public.

Check out just a few of our program offerings: On the first Thursday of each month we offer a Ladies Night at 7 PM, in February we'll be painting wine bottles! Mondays at 6:30 PM we have a Children's Craft Night and on Tuesdays we have a Preschool Story Hour at 10 AM and 6 PM.

On Wednesday February 8th at 7 PM we'll be having a Teen Night to make some chocolate hearts just in time for Valentine's Day. On February 16th at 6 PM we'll be making perler bead key chains for kids 7-14 years old.

Stay up-to-date on all of our programs by checking out our website ([www.fallsburglibrary.org](http://www.fallsburglibrary.org)) or by following us on Facebook,

Instagram, or Twitter. If you have any questions about our programs, or if you would like to sign up for one, stop in or call the library (845-436-6067) and speak to Amanda at ext. 102.

We also offer a Library Book Club on the last Thursday of each month - stop in or call and speak to Pennie, at ext. 104, about which book will be discussed each month.

Are you interested in signing up for a Library card? It's easy! If you're a resident of the Fallsburg Central School District, just bring in a valid photo ID and proof of residency (tax bill, utility bill, etc.). Children can get their own card too with the signature of a parent/guardian of the Fallsburg Central School District.

Check back here every month to stay up-to-date on what's happening at

your local library. We look forward to seeing you at

the Fallsburg Library soon!

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THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

The Only Newspaper Published in the Town of Fallsburgh

Compiled by Sullivan County Historian John Conway

**FEBRUARY 19, 1937**  
**Work To Begin On N.Y. Water Shafts**

Boring of the first of three excavation shafts for the New York City water supply project will begin within the next two weeks. Contractors assembled plans and machinery this week at the three sites and checked details preliminary to actual excavation. The three shafts will range in depth from approximately 750 feet to approximately 1500 feet. They will provide the bores through which excavation of the huge sixty-mile water supply conduit will be made. The contracting company, Dravo, Inc., had not yet begun hiring workers, it was reported, but was expected to select what local labor it requires shortly. Key jobs on the three shafts such as rock drillers and others requiring experience necessarily would be filled outside the region, it was believed. The contractors will have their headquarters at Kerhonkson.

**G.O.P. Speakers Ask Fight On Court Change**

All the speakers at the Lincoln Dinner last Friday night at the Lenape Hotel made a plea to fight President Roosevelt's proposal to enlarge the United States Supreme Court. As a source of inspiration for patriotic Americans of today, speakers proclaimed Lincoln's faith in the power of righteousness and his confidence in the innate soundness of the American people.

Speakers were Senator Thomas C. Desmond, Frank L. Wiswold, former Senator from Albany County, and Assemblyman Chauncey B. Hammond of Elmira.

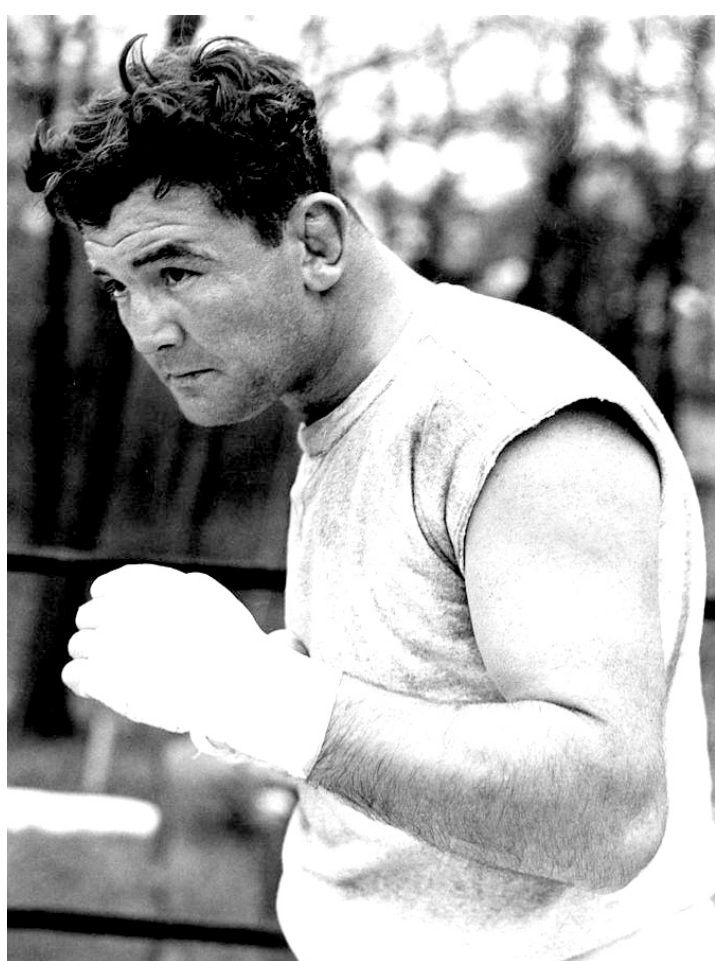
Desmond, in referring to his resolution to memorialize Congress, requested that "under no consideration should it accede to the President's demand to change the present Supreme Court setup."

**Young Doctor To Open Offices Here**

Dr. Victor Drucker, of the Bronx, New York City, will open offices in Hurleyville for the general practice of medicine on April 15th next.

In accordance with a lease which he entered into with Mrs. Rachel Penski, she is required to remodel her house so as to make two apartments, one on the first or ground floor, which will be occupied by the doctor, and one on the second floor for her own family.

Dr. Drucker, who will be married next month to Viola Abramowitz, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Abramowitz of Monticello, has an extensive practice in the Bronx, but because his intended wife would rather live near her parents and in the country, where she spent the greater part of her life,



**Heavyweight Boxing Champion Jimmy Braddock, who trained at the Hotel Evans in Loch Sheldrake and later lived in nearby North Branch.**

he has decided to build up a practice here.

Dr. Drucker has received his Bachelor of Science degree at the City College of New York, and his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Maryland.

**Ferndale Triplets Gain Strength In First Week**

The triplets born February ninth at Maimonides Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Henry of Ferndale are reported gaining in strength and vitality under the care of Dr. Luther F. Grant, who attended their birth.

The infants, two boys and a girl, have been dubbed the Triple -A or AAA because all three were given names beginning with the letter A. The children are Albert George, Arthur Francis, and Alice Jane.

Mrs. Henry, twenty-six, already has one daughter, four. Mr. Henry operates an ice route.

**Defer Braddock Bouts**

Heavyweight Champion James J. Braddock's two charity exhibition bouts scheduled Monday night have been postponed until late in March because of lack of public interest, it was announced.

**FEBRUARY 26, 1937**  
**Renew Search For Luckman**

Bulletins have been issued by the New York City police offering a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest of Ike Luckman, brother of Meyer Luckman, one of three men convicted and sentenced for the murder of Sam Drukman of Brooklyn, found dead in the Luckman garage.

Luckman has several times

week-end crowd during the recovery period.

**School Children Entertain Crowd With Operetta**

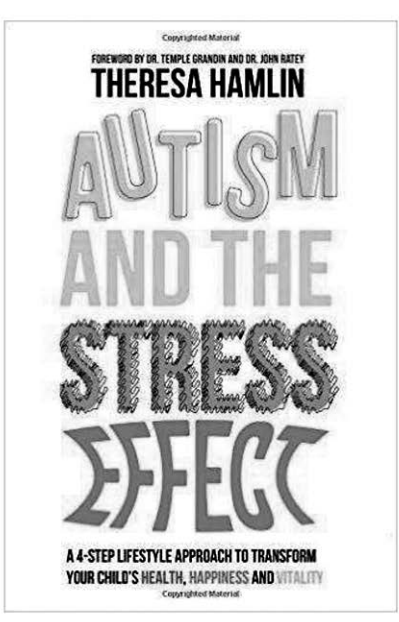
The operetta, "Hansel and Gretel," presented at the school here last Friday evening provided a musical treat long to be remembered by the large crowd which attended the entertainment.

The presentation of the operetta, a miniature version of the opera given at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City, was splendid with Alida Lounsbury as Hansel and Molly Wood as Gretel.

The costumes of the thirty-three members of the cast were cleverly planned by Mrs. Howard Wood, and the scenery in charge of Mrs. Peter LaBaugh, added the final authentic touch to the stage setting. Superior acting, under the dramatic supervision of Miss Lois Hussion, and the musical selections, which ranged from solos to choruses, under the competent direction of talented music teacher Miss Ruth Horne, made the operetta one of the best dramatic and musical hits ever produced by children in the Hurleyville school.

In addition to the two leading characters, the cast included Albert Lounsbury, Ruth Fromowich, Lillian Greenspan, Jimmy Lounsbury, Rose Cohen, Sonia Silberman, Arnold Feldstein, Dolly June Levine, Seymour Rofsky, Marcia Feinstein, Vincent Eltz, Millie Van Keuren, Hylia Ennist, Gwendolyn Skinner, Anna and Sophia Kostiff, Catherine Toohey, Richard Tremper, Nicholas Andresky, William Kostiff, Eleanor Quick, Cecile Wellingham, Marguerite Bowers, Margaret Toohey, and Helen Lengyl.

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# POSSESSED

When we last left Deke Temple, he and Janice Pearson had entered the Luzon Cup couples ski race at The Columbia Hotel in Hurleyville. Having never skied before, Deke rented a pair of skis, and was assisted by an impish Frenchman named Mike, who ran the ski shop at the hotel. Mike presented Deke with a mysterious pair of hickory skis he said had once belonged to the Olympic Gold Medal winner Henri Oreiller, and assured Deke they would serve him well. Deke wasn't so sure. He is about to find out as he makes his way to the slopes for his first run in Part III of our story...

### PART THREE

Six of the couples had completed their first runs by the time Deke reached the top of the hill with his newly refurbished skis. Janice appeared nervous as she told him that Fred and Lisa had both turned in impressive runs and were a full seven seconds faster than the next fastest couple.

Deke tried to study the form of the other men as each of them made their way down the hill, and in his mind translated the movements of the best of them to his own body while trying not to be too obvious about what he was doing. Finally, Jesse and Sarah took their runs, and Janice pulled him over toward the starting gate to prepare to take their turn.

Typically, he was supremely confident when it came to anything athletic, but he could feel his heart pounding in his chest as he watched Sarah and Jesse make their runs. Both were smooth and agile, and Jesse turned in the fastest time of the day up to that point. Sarah was a bit slower than Lisa's time, however, and together their score was just a second and a fraction behind Fred and Lisa, who retained the lead.

Deke slipped into his bindings as Janice took her run, which was flawless, and drew oohs and ahhs from the crowd, including the other skiers. Predictably, her time was the fastest of the women, which put the pressure squarely on him.

He had memorized the movements the better skiers had utilized in their runs, and tried to emulate them as he broke from the gate, but he soon realized something

was terribly wrong. His brain was directing his body to follow the same fluid motion he had observed in the others, but his skis were not following.

Instead, he found himself hurtling downhill completely out of control, barely making it into and out of the gates. He went airborne several times, feeling totally off-kilter, only to regain his balance in mid-air, almost as if the skis had a mind of their own and the ability to propel and correct themselves.

He finished his run, out of breath and red-faced, unsure of what had just occurred. He was so pre-occupied he completely missed them announcing his time, and it was only upon hearing the applause of those watching the run that he had an inkling of how he had done.

It turned out that his time was only slightly behind Fred's, the third fastest of the men. Together, he and Janice stood in second place, just a few tenths behind Fred and Lisa and just over a second faster than Jesse and Sarah.

Deke still had no idea how that had happened, and was too flabbergasted to even speak.

Janice was ecstatic. She said she was now more confident than ever that they would win the Luzon Cup.

The relative standings had not changed much by the time Deke and Janice's turns came up again. Only a couple of skiers were able to better their times from their first runs and they were not among the leaders. Deke and Janice remained in second place.

Janice again took her run first, and effortlessly negotiated the course, almost exactly duplicating her time from her initial run, which was remarkable considering the fact that the course had deteriorated from use. Deke was again aware of his heart pounding nearly out of control as his turn approached, and by the time he took his place in the starting gate he was finding it difficult to breathe.

He was determined to make a smoother run of it than his first turn, and had convinced himself that he should realistically be faster



Deke found himself hurtling downhill completely out of control, barely making it into and out of the gates.

his second time on skis than he was his first time. At the signal, he pushed off hard from the gate, using all of his considerable strength to give himself a good start. However, once he was underway, he felt control of the skis leave him again, despite his best effort to duplicate the motion he had observed the other skiers employ. As hard as he tried to get control—and he continued to try—the skis did not cooperate, hurtling him wildly down the hill, through each gate, with him spending almost as much time in the air as on the ground. The harder he fought to maintain some semblance of control, the more obstinate the skis became. And then the run was finished, again without him even getting an opportunity to put into practice the moves he had been studying so intently.

As he made his way off the course, the heavy skis slung over his shoulder, he could not help but be amazed at the reaction of the hundred or so hotel guests who lined the hill to watch the races and were now cheering wildly at his acrobatic run. He caught a glimpse of Mike in the distance, standing outside the ski shop, and could have sworn he detected a salute when their eyes met.

Janice rushed up to him as soon as he came off the course, informing him that

the time for his second run was a tenth of a second faster than his first run, which still fell three tenths of a second short of overtaking Fred and Lisa. That meant second place, and a head-to-head matchup with Jesse and Sarah, who finished far off the pace, and did not appear likely to have a chance to win, though Deke knew that anything could happen in head-to-head single elimination competition such as they were entering into.

He listed intently as the hotel owner announced that the second place couple, Deke and Janice, would race next against the third place couple, Jesse and Sarah, and then the first place couple, Fred and Lisa, would compete against Rick and Cindy. The head-to-head match-ups would involve two runs for each skier, with the total aggregate times of their runs used to determine the winner of each of the races. The winners of the initial matchups would then battle each other in the finals for the Luzon Cup.

The announcement also noted that the races would start in approximately half an hour, allowing for a quick grooming of the course, so Deke decided to try to find Mike and discuss what was going on.

He knew he had to tell someone, and knew just as certainly that that someone could not be Janice.

Mike was standing outside the ski shop smoking a cigarette when Deke approached.

"Oh mon Dieu!" Mike exclaimed as soon as he caught sight of Deke. "Exceptionnel!"

Deke blushed, not knowing how to respond.

"These skis..." he began, fumbling for words.

"You have made Oreiller very happy," Mike continued. "Now just go win this thing. Bonne chance, mon ami!"

"Mike..." Deke began, only to be cut off by a tug at his jacket sleeve.

"Deke, come on, they want to take our pictures!" Janice said, pulling him back toward the hill. "It's for the hotel newsletter."

Overwhelmed by the sheer joy emblazoned on Janice's face, Deke could not resist her. He knew this was exactly what she had fantasized about all weekend, and he could not bring himself to deny her the moment. So he followed her back to the hill where the other three couples who had qualified for the head-to-head races were posing for photos. He joined in, feigning enthusiasm, a smile on his face, but his mind remained on the inexplicable phenomenon he was encountering

with the skis, his confusion made even more profound by Mike's strange greeting.

"You have made Oreiller very happy."

There was no time to think about it further, however, as they had no sooner finished giving the hotel photographer their names than the public address system roared to life again, calling them all to the starting gate.

He and Janice had the choice of going first or second and Janice quickly chose second, without even a glance in his direction. The order of runs therefore decided, Sarah took her place in the starting gate.

Her run was flawless, and her time was considerably faster than her earlier runs. Jesse skied next, and again turned in the fastest time of the day to that point.

"Sandbaggers!" Janice whispered in Deke's ear. "They were purposely holding back before."

Deke wasn't so sure, but he knew the times would be difficult to beat. He watched nervously as Janice took her place in the starting gate, but quickly realized that he had completely underestimated her. Not only was her form exquisite as she embarked down the hill, weaving in and out of the gates in rhythmic fashion, but she seemed to have shifted into another gear speed-wise. Her time was faster even than Sarah's, but Jesse's speedy descent, unmatched all afternoon, still put incredible pressure on Deke.

He was halfway down the hill, still fighting to control his skis when he had a revelation. In mid-race he decided to stop trying to fight the skis, and completely surrendered his will to theirs. It seemed crazy, and it was one of the most difficult things he had ever forced himself to do, but he simply relaxed and went along for the ride.

Without the battle of wills, the remainder of the run was actually enjoyable, and ceding control to the skis made a huge difference in his time, too, which made it even better. In fact, his time was nearly equal to Jesse's, and a mere tenth of a second now separated the two couples with one run

left for each.

Sarah duplicated her amazing initial run, and Jesse was even faster the second time around. Deke could see that even Janice was starting to worry as she took her place in the gate. But she responded to the pressure and turned in an even better run than before. Still, Jesse's unequaled time meant that Deke had to turn in his best run yet by a significant margin in order for them to advance to the Cup finals.

Buoyed by what transpired on his last run, Deke was strangely calm as he entered the gate. It was unheard of for him to completely surrender control in anything he did, but he was determined to relegate himself to spectator status and allow the skis to do their thing. Whatever it was that was happening, he was going along with it.

He did, and the results

were nothing short of amazing. Totally relaxed, he had an incredible experience hurtling down the hill, at the mercy of his own skis, but had absolutely no clue whether it was fast enough to put him and Janice into the finals.

Until the announcement came.

His time was the fastest of the day, and in fact had never been equaled on the Columbia slopes.

He and Janice were in the finals.

By this time you are no doubt as confused by what is happening as Deke Temple is. What does all of this portend? Find out in the exciting conclusion of Possessed in the March issue of The Hurleyville Sentinel.

## EMS Beat

by Albee Bockman, AEMT-P



## DOCTOR'S OFFICE/URGENT CARE or the EMERGENCY ROOM???

How many times have you asked yourself that question when you or a loved one becomes ill and needs medical attention? This topic needs to be addressed-- and for good reason.

Whenever we become ill, whether it is a child, a parent, a grandparent, or a dear friend, our emotions sometimes get the best of us and we panic. With the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and other health care plans, many of us have seen a spike in our premiums, deductibles, and loss of our once personal physicians. Many have been unable to afford any kind of health insurance at all. This situation has added approximately 900,000 more citizens in New York State once having private insurance to the Medicaid system. This has caused many people to seek medi-

cal attention from our local hospital emergency rooms. Although it is available 24 hours a day, the ER setting may not always be the most appropriate venue to get help.

The Emergency Room has now become the "First Stop" for many of us in time of need. This has caused our emergency rooms to become congested and created long wait times to see a doctor. If your situation is non-emergency, you will be triaged, seated, and waiting so that more seriously ill patients can be seen expeditiously. This sometimes causes frustration, anger, and negative opinions of our hospitals through no fault of their own. All areas of healthcare have been "streamlined" in order to financially accommodate the influx of people requiring medical care.

As responsible citizens, we must respect and assist our hospitals by choosing the most appropriate facility to meet our needs. Here are some suggestions:

**Doctor's Office/ Urgent Care**

- \* Allergies
  - \* Colds/Flu/Fever
  - \* Ear Pain/infection
  - \* Sore throat/cough
  - \* Minor cuts/burns
  - \* Rashes
  - \* Sprains/strains/simple fractures
  - \* Insect bites
  - \* Urinary Tract Infections
  - \* Severe burns/cuts
  - \* Minor asthma
- Emergency Room**
- \* Chest Pain
  - \* Shortness of breath/ difficulty breathing
  - \* Sudden paralysis/slurred speech
  - \* Unconsciousness
  - \* Severe headaches
  - \* Severe injuries/ trauma
  - \* High fever
  - \* Shock
  - \* Uncontrolled bleeding
  - \* Visible fractures

Hope these hints are helpful to you. Your hospitals and EMS professionals surely appreciate it! Be well and safe out there, Hurleyville!

# SPOTLIGHT ON A HURLEYVILLE TREASURE

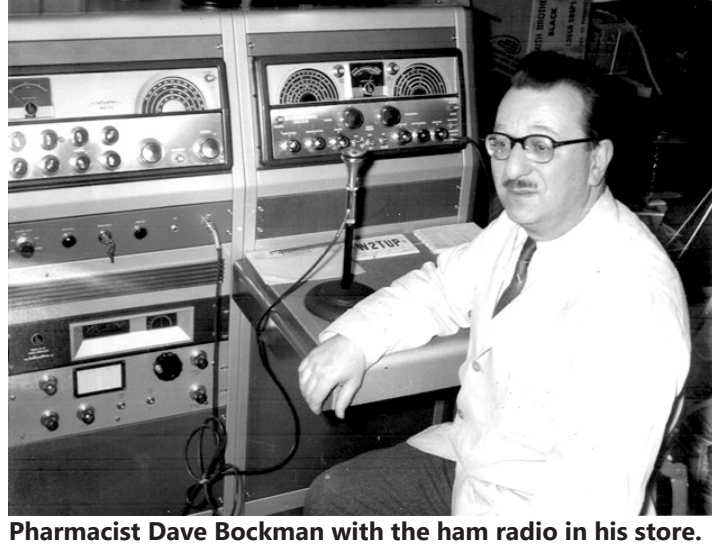
by Kathleen Sullivan

### "DAVID BOCKMAN"

David Bockman (known by everyone as "Uncle Dave"), the son of Abraham and Jesse Bockman, was born in New York City on June 15, 1906, and grew up in South Fallsburg.

Abraham immigrated to the United States from the Ukraine and was processed through Ellis Island in 1903. Jesse and their five children followed a short time later. Their family grew...Dave had six brothers and three sisters.

Having chosen pharmacist as his profession, Dave gradu-



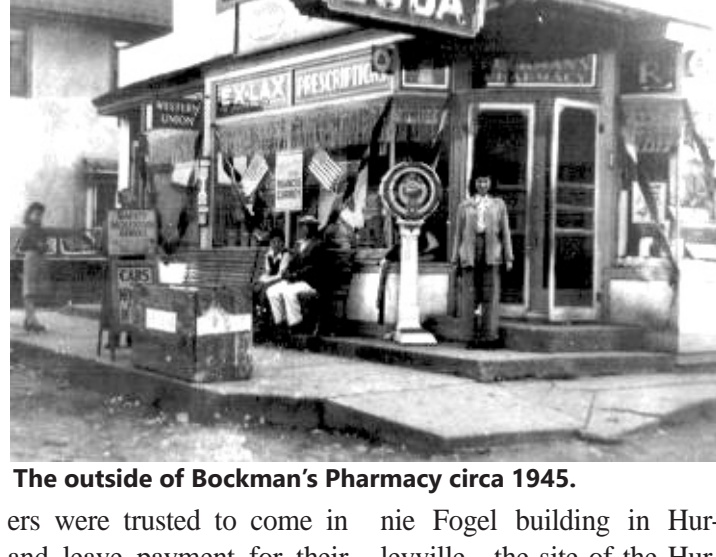
Pharmacist Dave Bockman with the ham radio in his store.

ated from Fordham University in the Bronx and became a Registered Pharmacist.

Upon graduation, Dave returned home to the Catskills and managed Heller's Pharmacy in Hurleyville for three years. The pharmacy was on the corner of Main Street and Mongaup Road...today it's a parking lot for Frankie and Johnny's Presents Nardi's. Dave eventually purchased the business and operated it

successfully for forty-three years. Bockman's Pharmacy, "The Complete Modern Drug Store", was a gathering place for everyone, offering coffee, a roll with butter, conversation, and most importantly, Dave's warmth, charm and dry sense of humor.

A bit of Hurleyville lore and a sign of a wonderful community...if the store had to be left unattended for a while the door was left open. Custom-



The outside of Bockman's Pharmacy circa 1945.

ers were trusted to come in and leave payment for their purchases on the counter.

Western Union services were available at the pharmacy. It also served as a station for the Shortline Bus Company, and was the stop in Hurleyville for the Fallsburg School District.

Dave married Augusta "Gussie" Matenson. Gussie was born in Hurleyville. Her father died at a young age. Her mother operated a dry cleaner's shop in the Min-

nie Fogel building in Hurleyville...the site of the Hurleyville Arts Centre.

Gussie and Dave were the parents of four children: Sandra, Flora, Sheldon and Albee. Albee is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Mobilemedic EMS based in Hurleyville.

Dave and Gussie were renowned throughout the Catskills for making the "Best Egg Cream in the Mountains." A dedicated amateur radio enthusiast, Dave often in-



Dave Bockman inside his drug store.

vited friends to come and listen while he was "on the air" communicating with folks around the world.

Dave also repaired and sold radios and televisions. Naturally, Bockman's had the first color television in Sullivan County.

Dedicated to the community, Dave served as Director of Sullivan County Civil Defense for more than twenty years. He was an ardent supporter of Congregation Anshei Hurleyville, and the Hurleyville Fire Department.

Dave was especially proud of his sons' service in the U.

S. Armed Forces. Sheldon served in the U.S. Army, and Albee was a member of the U.S. Air Force. The American flag was proudly displayed at the pharmacy.

Dave passed away in 1975 after a short illness. Gussie and Sheldon continued to run the business for several years as a country store. They eventually sold the building, a landmark in Hurleyville, and it was later destroyed in a fire. Dave is one of Hurleyville's many wonderful treasures. Please visit [www.hurleyvil-len.com](http://www.hurleyvil-len.com) to find more treasures in Hurleyville.

A portion of the menu from Bockman's Pharmacy.

# SENTINEL SPORTS

Angelee Santillo, Sports Editor



## TRAVIS ARCHERY HITS THE BULLSEYE ON SMALL BUSINESS

by Angelee Santillo

First incorporated as a Summer Olympic sport in 1900, archery has had a long history of significance to sportsmen over time, practiced in everything from global combat to hunting for sustenance, and, more recently, recreation. Here in Sullivan County, archery is most popular from October to December, when "bow season" is in effect for licensed hunters to take to the forests of our great state in search of the best big game they can find. For many locals, bowhunting has been a part of life from a very early age, but over in Hurleyville's neighboring community of Woodbourne, Travis Archery is running a recreational operation that is taking archery as a sport to a whole new level.

On the nicest Sunday afternoon of the year so far, Travis Archery, located on Clark A Road in the Hasbrouck area of Woodbourne, had a full day of classes going on for their winter league. The facilities, on the grounds of the Travis family's private residence, comprise a retail shop and an



**Maggie Travis, 10, daughter of the owner, gets her bow ready for shooting.**

indoor shooting gallery where the action takes place. The adult session, which sometimes sees up to 40 participants, had already occurred in the morning, and it was the kids' turn to shoot at 1PM. Walt Travis, owner and operator, was a friendly and welcoming host as he waited for the kids to arrive and talked a bit about the family business.

The indoor gallery, for one, was as state-of-the-art as backyard recreational facilities get. A sprawling 1,500 square feet, the all-season range is split into five shooting lanes at 20-yards a piece, with built-in containers for arrows at each lane and plenty of hanging mounts on the walls for bows throughout the place. The mounted

deer and antlers on the walls added just the right amount of rustic touch, and each piece of equipment hanging next to them looked more high-tech and expensive than the last. This place is the real deal, and as parents started settling into the lounge area behind the shooting lanes, four kids were dedicated enough to give up the one warm winter Sunday they might get all year to practice the sport they love.

It was immediately clear that archery isn't like the other sports around here. Whereas parents drop kids off at soccer or basketball practice and watch from the sidelines, at Travis Archery's kids' league, the family is heavily involved, standing behind the archers and offering words of encouragement as they prepare for the face-off. That is fitting, as Travis Archery has always been a family business.

It began in Liberty with Walt's father, Howard Jr., who is still involved in the company. About five years ago, the family decided to move the business to Walt's property in Woodbourne, where they currently operate both the indoor gallery and a retail store. In today's economic climate for small local businesses, Walt operates Travis Archery as a side gig, as it just wouldn't be sustainable on its own, but with his full-time job as a corrections officer at the prison in Woodbourne, he's happy to be able to continue doing what the family loves so much.

As the kids get ready to shoot, this is also apparent in Walt's daughter, Maggie, who at ten years old entered

the gallery with a reserved yet confident manner as she took the left lane and set her arrows into her bow for the first round. It is obvious she's been doing this for a while, as she hit the bottom right bullseye on a three-target paper dead center on her very first shot of the day. Hey, this is her family's business, after all. Next to her were Ashli Torres, Amelia Edwards, and Jack Rielly, all lined up to shoot.

For all sessions, it is an individual competition (no teams), where archers shoot 10 rounds of three arrows each for 30 total. A perfect score is a 300, just like in bowling, and all competitors use their own bows and arrows. After each round, Walt Travis, sometimes with the help of the parents, examines the targets to keep score, and a prize is usually awarded at the end. This Sunday, they were shooting for a snazzy Travis Archery t-shirt in patriotic red, white, and blue, and all four kids were incredibly skilled with their bows.

Mary Edwards, mom of archer Amelia, travels all the way from the Sullivan West school district area to shoot every Sunday. "It's the only place in the county for archery that we know of," she said, watching her daughter from a distance. "Everyone in our family shoots, and it's just something we all love to do."

Ashli Torres, of Liberty, came with her grandfather, Harry Edwards, who stood behind her as she shot, coaching her along the way. At 16, she was the oldest shooter but newest to the sport, although you couldn't tell from how well she hit the targets.

"She just started shooting this month," Harry said, looking on proudly as Ashli hit very close to the red. "She got a bow for Christmas, and I read about Travis Archery, so we came here. She likes to bow hunt, so we hope this will be good practice for her."

That seems to be the case for many of the people who utilize the indoor gallery in the winter. During hunting's off-season, Walt Travis said many people who shoot indoors do so to keep sharp until bow season comes back around. There are some who simply shoot for sport, but for the many hunters in Sullivan County, their gratitude for a local business like Travis Archery is shown when

they bring in photos of big kills they've gotten with bows purchased at their little retail shop, or thanks to the precision and skill they've attained while having a place to practice all winter.

"You're their best friend when they get a deer, and they blame the bow when they don't," Walt teased while scoring a round. "But we do it because it's our hobby."

As the rounds came to a close, also impressive was Jack Rielly, a 7-year-old with a killer shot who wielded his bow like a pro. Jack's dad was with him as he shot, giving him solid advice and constructive criticism as he launched his arrows down the lane. Shooting since he was just three years old, Jack, like many kids in the Sunday morning class, hopes to improve to eventually bow hunt in the wild when he's of age.

On Sunday, the kids were shooting for a t-shirt, but in the adult league, the Travis family has been known to be quite generous with the prizes they've awarded to the top archers of the season, handing out trophies and plaques to commemorate their accomplishments. They even gave out a \$550 bow one year, and judging by the caliber of product they have in their basement retail shop, it was surely top-of-the-line.

The truly special thing about Travis Archery is the spirit of tradition that rings throughout the property. Father Howard Jr., pinning tiny inflated balloons up on all the targets, ended the Sunday session with a game they've been playing for years.

"We used to have a range in the basement of Ideal Food in Liberty," he reminisced, smiling as he recalled the memory. "There was a time when no one was hitting any targets on paper, so I hung some balloons and offered a dollar for every one popped. All of a sudden, you heard pops everywhere!"

Things really do not change. Once the balloons were hung and dollar bills were on the line, the kids started shooting with amazing precision, and the place sounded like bubble wrap being stepped on. The money made the kids smile, but it was surely the love for the sport of archery that brought them back every week.

As Ashli, who is likely to



**Four youngsters shoot at Travis Archery targets (left to right): Maggie Travis, Ashli Torres, Amelia Edwards, & Jack Rielly.**

move up to the adult league very soon, said best, "I just love the adrenaline rush you get when you shoot well."

Travis Archery is located on Clark A Road in Woodbourne, just 10 minutes outside of

Hurleyville. It is a friendly neighborhood business that welcomes shooters of all levels and has high-quality equipment available for purchase at their retail store, open from 4-9 on weekdays and 9-9 on

weekends. It's never too late to join in on the winter league, which also shoots on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights, or to call up for a private session at the indoor gallery at (845) 443-3068.

## Diamond Weeks Makes History Scoring 1,000 Points

by Julia Batista

During an energizing game at the Fallsburg school on Thursday, January 19th, point guard Diamond Weeks of the varsity girls basketball team made school history by achieving 1,000 points in her basketball career.

In an extremely intense game against the Burke Catholic Eagles, Ms. Weeks scored her thousandth point in the last four seconds of the game. Guarded by at least four Burke players, she made her last two points with an amazing layup. Winning the game by a score of 51-40, not only did the Fallsburg Comets bring another win to their records, but an outstanding player as well.

Ms. Weeks has always been and is a very dedicated basketball player for the Fallsburg girls basketball team. She started playing the sport at a very young age, and it has allowed her to become one of the most successful players in the section. She is now the first female basketball player in Fallsburg history to reach one thousand points.

"It feels amazing, the whole game I was nervous and frustrated. I thought I wasn't going to make it happen, but I pulled through and it did," Ms. Weeks said after the game about reaching the thousand point plateau. "The crowd was crazy, and it made me very nervous."

It was indeed a very lively game, the Fallsburg crowd rooting for Ms. Weeks as she played her very best to reach her goal. The team and the community were both more than supportive and excited to know that one of the Fallsburg players had achieved such an outstanding feat.

"Something like this is priceless, and it makes me reflect as a coach about the things I can do to further take my players to a higher level. I am very happy to be a part of it," Coach Daniel Redmond commented about Ms. Weeks' astounding achievement. "An accomplishment like this definitely puts Fallsburg on the map, and it brings the commu-



**Fallsburg Comet Diamond Weeks poses with her dad, Adrian, following the game in which she recorded her 1,000th career point.**

nity together in a great way to support our team."

After the game was won and over, there was a short ceremony to honor Ms. Weeks. A variety of gifts were given from her very supportive team and family and friends, all congratulating her on reaching something that no one thought was possible.

"It was a very special moment for me. I greatly appreciate everything that my team and everyone else did for supporting me," she said.

Ms. Weeks will definitely be earning a banner that will hang in the Fallsburg school gymnasium, marking her as the first female basketball

player to reach the thousand point mark. However, she still has a few games left this season and another whole season next year to accumulate even more points and possibly beat the school all-time record, which is around 1,350 points currently held by Sam Cope-land.

The Fallsburg school and community are proud to have devoted and talented players such as Diamond Weeks participating in school sports. We add our own congratulations to Ms. Weeks and many well wishes to the rest of the team in their journey to make it to Sectionals for the seventh year in a row!

## SUNY-Sullivan Basketball Round-Up

by Win Hadley

Scott Artis poured in 17 points and hauled down 11 rebounds to lead the Sullivan County Community College Generals to a 79-64 win over Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn on January 22. Romero Collier also scored 17 points for the Generals, while contributing 11 assists. Nasheed Dixon added 14 points and Nysir Williams 11 for Sullivan, which raced out to an eleven point halftime lead. Twelve players saw action in the game for the Generals, and nine of them played at least fourteen minutes.

It was the second straight win for Sullivan, coming on the heels of an 80-72 home court win over LaGuardia Community College the night before. The pair of victories followed an 88-83 loss to Ulster County Community College at Stone Ridge on January 19.

On Thursday evening, January 26, the Generals travelled to Bronx Community College, where they recorded a 75-63 road win, which left Sullivan with a 14-4 slate on the year, in-



**Kyla Given had 20 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Lady Generals in a rout of Kingsborough Community College on January 22.**

cluding 9-2 in conference play. Nassau County Community College leads the conference standings with a 12-1 record, including a 74-61 triumph over the Generals on December 3.

Sullivan will have played three more games by the time this edition of The Sentinel hits the streets, most notably a January 28 rematch against conference leader Nassau in Loch Sheldrake, which promises to be quite a tussle.

Sullivan's Lady Generals also played at Kingsborough on January 22, holding the Wave women scoreless

in the first quarter and to just five points for the entire first half en route to a convincing 91-23 win. Kyla Given had 20 points and 11 rebounds for the Lady Generals, while Amal Mahmoud contributed 16 and Jennifer Bronson 14.

On January 26, the Lady Generals took on Bronx Community College at Alumni gymnasium in the Bronx, coming away with a 79-54 win.

With the two victories, the Lady Generals improved to 15-1 on the year and 10-0 in conference play. They have won seven games in a row and remain in first place.

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